Congress of the United States

H.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business 2361 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-6315

NOTICE OF HEARING July 27, 2011 1:00 P.M. 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO:

Members, House Committee on Small Business

FROM:

Sam Graves, Chairman

DATE:

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

The House Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, *Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?* The hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M. on July 27, 2011 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Commerce Secretary Locke recently released the 2011 National Export Strategy (NES) outlining the federal government's strategy to improve the coordination and effectiveness of the federal trade agencies. There are more than 20 federal agencies that play a role in the export process, and many small businesses have a difficult time navigating the bureaucracy and regulations. This hearing will provide an opportunity to learn more about the obstacles that deter many small businesses from exporting, and highlight ways to improve the process.

A staff briefing will be held on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff has questions, please call Andy Karellas, Professional Staff for the Committee, at x55821.